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HOPA Announces 2017 Membership Award Winners at 13th Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA

Chicago (March 30, 2017): The Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) announced the recipients of the 2017 HOPA Membership Awards at its 13th Annual Conference on March 30 in Anaheim, California. The HOPA Membership Awards, which are presented annually, recognize HOPA members who have shown outstanding achievement in their field.

Terri G. Davidson, PharmD BCOP FCCP FASHP 2017 Award of Excellence

The Award of Excellence recognizes a member who has made a significant, sustained contribution to or provided excellent leadership in improving or supporting hematology/oncology pharmacy.

Terri G. Davidson currently serves as CEO and Vice President of Finance for Syntax Communications, a medical communications company that she founded in 1997. She has been instrumental in developing the field of oncology pharmacy and helped gain the recognition of oncology pharmacy as a specialty by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties. She has served in several leadership roles at HOPA, including volunteer officer on HOPA's first executive council, and has contributed enormously to HOPA's development and growth.

Karen Sweiss, PharmD 2017 Oncology Pharmacy Practice Literature Award

The Oncology Pharmacy Practice Literature Award recognizes an article, other than scientific research, published by a HOPA member that contributes to the betterment of the hematology/oncology pharmacy profession and describes innovations in community, hospital, or healthcare system hematology/oncology pharmacy practices.

Dr. Sweiss is a clinical assistant professor, inpatient clinical pharmacist in hematology and bone marrow transplantation at the University of Illinois College of Pharmacy in Chicago. She received this award for her article, *Melphalan 200 mg/m² in patients with renal impairment is associated with increased short-term toxicity but improved response and longer treatment-free survival*, published in *Bone Marrow Transplantation*, for which she served as lead author. Dr. Sweiss's research is focused on clinical therapeutics of hematologic malignancies and supportive care measures.

Amber Bradley Clemmons, PharmD BCOP
2017 New Practitioner Award

The New Practitioner Award recognizes a member early in his or her career who has made a notable contribution to developing or supporting clinical hematology/oncology pharmacy services.

Amber Bradley Clemmons is clinical associate professor at Augusta University Medical Center, where she serves as primary pharmacist for the hematopoietic stem cell transplant program. She is also clinical associate professor at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy and trains numerous students and residents each year. Her research focuses on supportive care, hematologic malignancies, adult bone marrow transplantation, and scholarship of teaching and learning.

Kerry Parsons, PharmD BCOP
2017 Patient Advocacy Award

The Patient Advocacy Award, made possible through a grant from Teva Oncology, recognizes a HOPA member who demonstrates leadership and collaboration while advocating for outstanding patient care.

Kerry Parsons is an oncology medical science liaison at AstraZeneca, where she advocates for adolescent/young adult needs. For the last decade, Dr. Parsons has worked to educate the pediatric oncology pharmacy community about the struggles that adolescent/young adult patients face. She also promotes the needs of this patient population through speaking engagements, research, and publications.

Cheryl Hyk, MA CPhT
2017 Technician Award

The Technician Award recognizes a technician who demonstrates excellence in his/her work and shows a commitment to hematology/oncology pharmacy practice in an organized health care setting.

Cheryl Hyk is the oncology liaison/specialty coordinator at the University of Minnesota Health Maple Grove Oncology Infusion Pharmacy, where she has worked for nearly a decade. She earned her master of arts degree in kinesiology at University of Minnesota, where her research focused on peripheral arterial disease with exercise training as treatment.

HOPA

HOPA is a nonprofit professional organization formed in 2004 to help oncology and hematology pharmacy practitioners and their associates provide the best possible cancer care. HOPA supports research, conducts educational conferences to advance knowledge, encourages professional development and advocates for health policy issues that improve patient care. HOPA has more than 2,500 members and includes oncology pharmacists, as well as pharmacy administrators, researchers, residents, interns and technicians specializing in hematology/oncology practice.

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